

AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
From: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
Date: October 2, 2025
RE: 2025 Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability & Property Pool Directors Election

For the Agenda of October 6, 2025

Background. The City of Clare is a member of the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) Liability & Property Pool. The Board of Directors of the Pool are elected from membership of the Pool. The City has received notice that two Board members are up for reelection this year (*copy att'd*). The City Commission is asked to cast its ballot to fill these positions by voting for the two incumbent candidates designated on the ballot or select write-in candidates.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission cast its ballot for the Pool Director positions?

Alternatives.

1. Direct the submittal of the ballot by voting for the incumbent Liability & Property Pool Board Directors.
2. Direct the submittal of the ballot by voting for write-in candidates.
3. Do not vote.
4. Set aside the decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. There is no direct fiscal impact.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission cast its ballot as it deems appropriate by adoption of resolution 2025-084 (*copy attached*).

Attachments.

1. MML Liability & Property Pool Director Correspondence.
2. Resolution 2025-084.



michigan
municipal
league

liability &
property
pool

1675 Green Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
P: 734-662-3246
800-653-2483
F: 734-662-8083
mml.org

To: Members of the MML Liability & Property Pool
From: Michael J. Forster, Fund Administrator
Date: September 8, 2025
Subject: Pool Director Election

Dear Pool Member:

Enclosed is your ballot for this year's Board of Directors election. Two (2) appointee Directors have agreed to seek election to their first term. You may also write in one or more candidates if you wish.

A brief biographical sketch of each candidate is provided for your review.

I hope you will affirm the work of the Nominating Committee by returning your completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope, no later than November 7th. Alternately, you may complete your ballot online:

Go to www.mml.org. At the top of the page, hover over *Programs & Services* and select *Risk Management* from the drop-down list. Next, look for the *Jump To* panel and select *Liability & Property Pool*. The ballot link is on the next page, in the *Jump To* panel, under *Online Forms*.

The MML Liability & Property Pool is owned and controlled by its members. Your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better are very much appreciated. Thank you again for your membership in the Pool, and for participating in the election of your governing board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Forster".

Michael J. Forster
Pool Administrator
mforster@mml.org

THE CANDIDATES

Three-year terms beginning January 1, 2026

Michelle LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Monroe



Michelle LaVoy has served as Monroe's Clerk-Treasurer for eleven years and is passionate about strong local government and elections. She is a member of the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association and Michigan Women in Municipal Government. She previously sat on the MML Energy and Technology Committee and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Legislative Committee. Michelle has a Bachelors degree from Miami University, Ohio, a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Dayton, and completed the inaugural MML Women's Elected Leadership Intensive. Michelle serves a number of community organizations in leadership roles and as a volunteer, including United Way, YMCA, 4H, and Ducks Unlimited. She and her husband Bill have two daughters. Michelle is seeking election to her first term.

Josh Meringa, Councilmember, City of Grandville



Josh has served the City of Grandville as Councilmember for more than 17 years. He is passionate about public service and driven to have a positive impact in his community. He serves on the Grandville Parks & Recreation Board and the Business Relations Committee. He has served on many Michigan Municipal League legislative committees and helped Grandville's Clean Water Plant win the League's Community Excellence Award in 2012. Josh has served on the League's Elected Officials Academy Board, including five years as president, and is an EOA Level 4 graduate. He has been recognized twice as a '40 Under Forty' Business Leader by the Grand Rapids Business Journal. A registered nurse, Josh works in nursing professional development for Corewell Health West Michigan. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Nurses Association Michigan and served two terms on the Michigan Board of Nursing, including seven years as chair. A native of West Michigan, Josh earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Calvin College (now University) and master's degrees from Grand Valley State University in Public Health and Business Administration. Josh is seeking election to his first term.

Michigan Municipal League
Liability & Property Pool

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2025

Vote for two Directors by marking the line to the left of the name for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2026.

— Michelle LaVoy, Appointee
Clerk-Treasurer, City of Monroe

— Josh Meringa, Appointee
Councilmember, City of Grandville

Write-in Candidate

I hereby certify that:

(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized its vote to be cast for the above persons to serve as Director of the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool.

Official Signature

Date:

**Ballot deadline:
November 7, 2025**

RESOLUTION 2025-084

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING ITS VOTE TO BE CAST FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML) LIABILITY & PROPERTY POOL DIRECTOR POSITIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Clare has long been a voting member of the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and a paying member of the Liability & Property Pool of the League; and

WHEREAS, said membership qualifies the City to annually cast its vote for the Board of Directors of the Liability & Property Pool; and

WHEREAS, the MML has forwarded the City the proposed ballot listing the slate of individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee for election or reelection to the Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed said slate and has made a decision regarding said ballot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clare City Commission hereby authorizes its vote to be cast for the incumbent candidates listed on the ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission hereby directs its City Clerk to submit its ballot for the election of the Board of Directors of the MML Liability & Property Pool.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

This Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 6th day of October, 2025.

Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk